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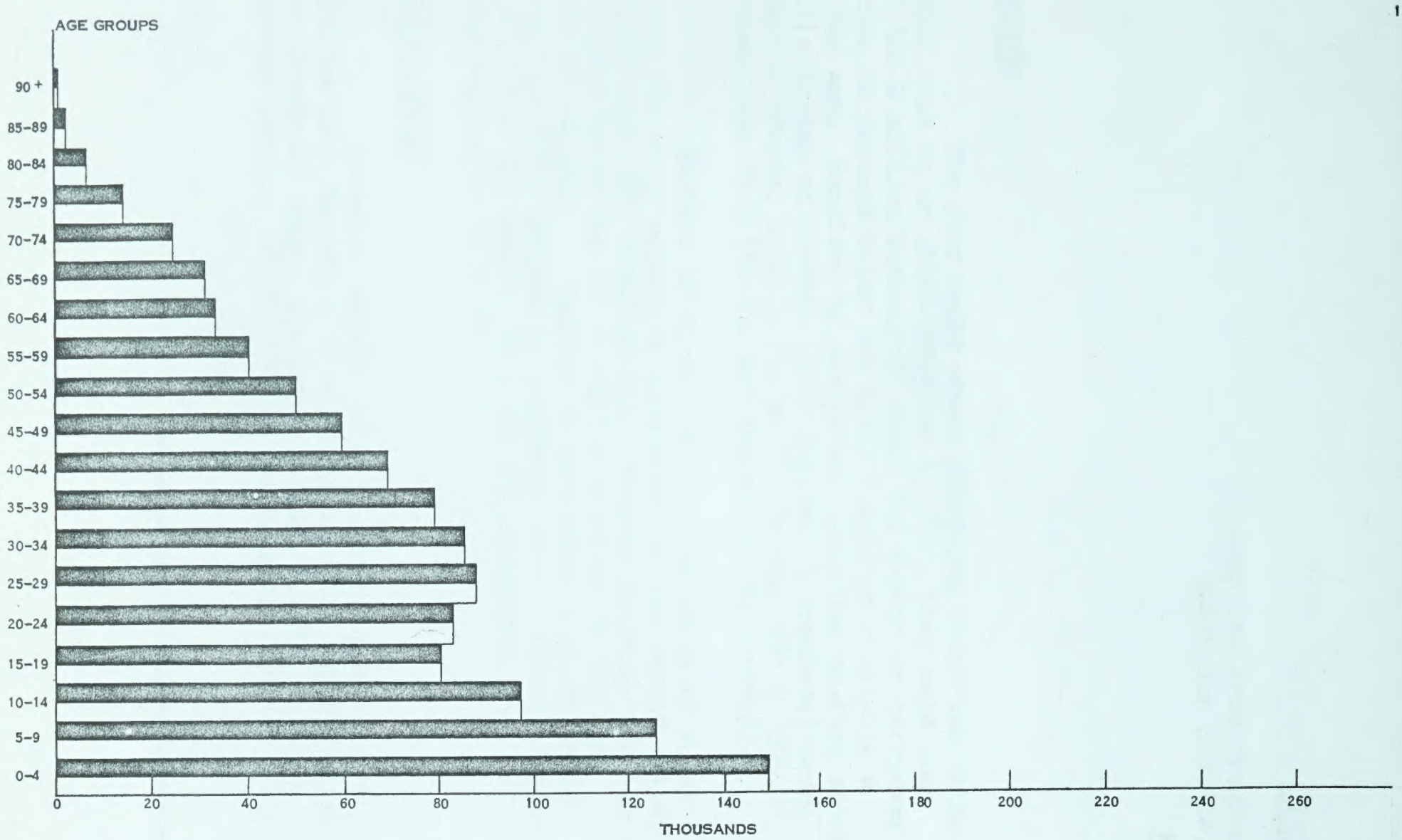
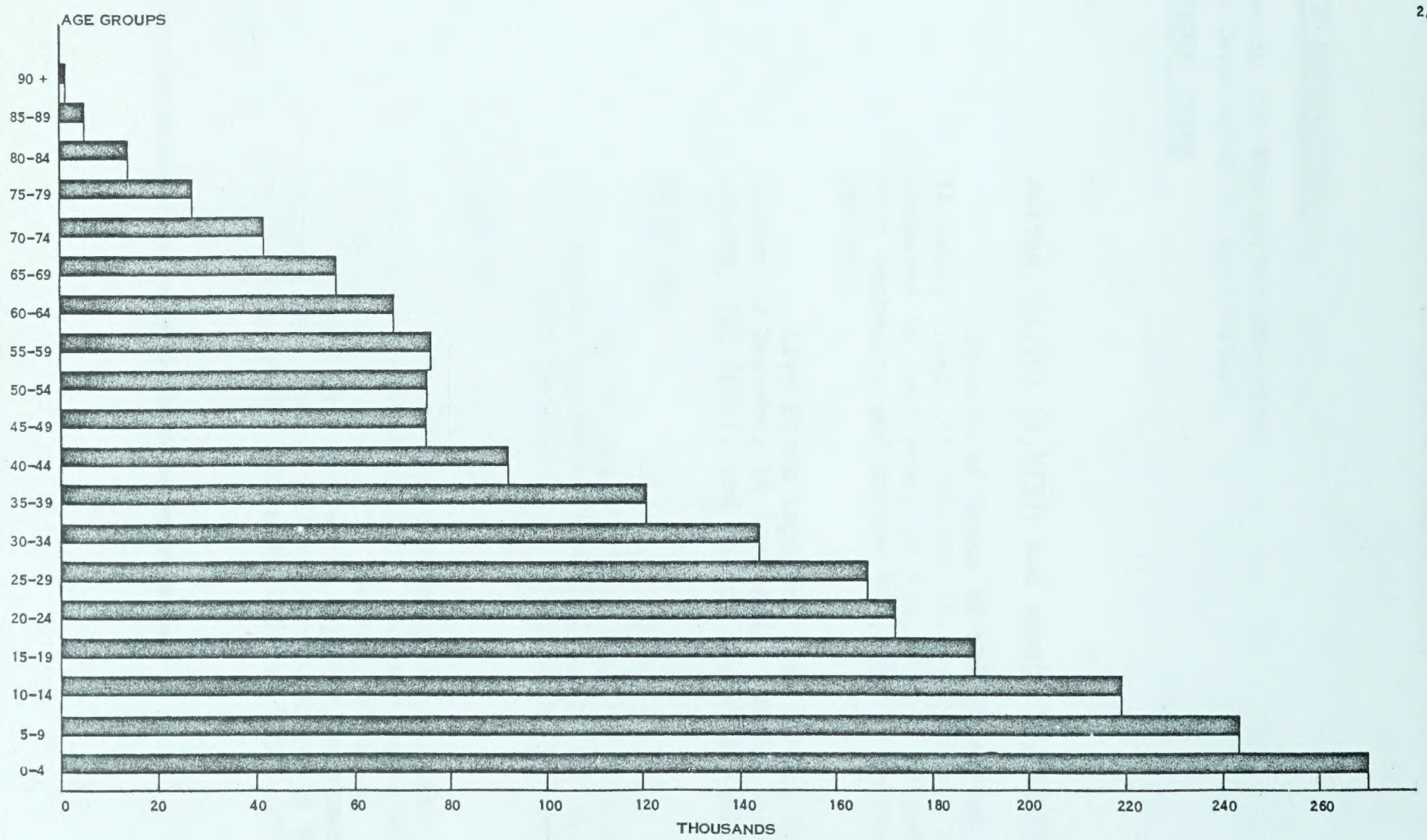


POPULATION DISTRIBUTION BY AGE GROUPS, ALBERTA - 1956



PROJECTED POPULATION DISTRIBUTION BY AGE GROUPS, ALBERTA - 1985

BASED ON 1956 POPULATION DISTRIBUTION BY SEX, AND CANADA LIFE TABLES OF 1951

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STATISTICS OF AGRICULTURE

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

WHEAT:

The four major wheat exporting countries estimated that on or about November 1, 1957, they held some 2,107.2 million bushels of wheat for export or carryover, some 10 percent below the 2,342.0 million available a year ago. Supplies by countries, including on-farm stock, in millions of bushels (1956 figures in brackets) were: United States, 1,114.2 (1,290.8); Canada, 864.0 (904.6); Argentina, 79.9 (50.6); and Australia, 49.1 (96.0).

Exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat from the chief exporting countries for the period August to October 1957 totalled 211.7 million bushels, some 20.1 percent below the 265.0 million exported in the same period of 1956. Exports by countries in millions of bushels (1956 figures in brackets) were: United States, 92.8 (118.8); Canada, 72.5 (81.1); Argentina, 21.5 (24.2); and Australia, 24.9 (40.9).

LIVE STOCK:

Canadian exports of live stock to the United States from January 1 to December 14, 1957 (1956 figures in brackets) were: slaughter cattle, 72,841 (1,445); feeder cattle, 186,816 (336); dairy cattle, 36,454 (44,336); calves, 11,791 (4,475); and sheep, 16,031 (3,912).

Exports of meats to all countries to December 14 were: beef, 44,746,000 lb. an increase of 230 percent compared to last year; 34,533,000 lb. of pork, a 43 percent decrease; and mutton 482,808 lb. an increase of 1049 percent.

Live Stock imported into Canada from the United States to December 14 included: cattle, 4,441 (6,870); calves, 295 (201); and sheep, 28,514 (17,818).

DAIRYING:

In the month of November 1957 butterfat receipts at Alberta creameries totalled 1,445,000 lb., an increase of 8.4 percent over the 1,334,000 lb. received in 1956.

POULTRY:

The average number of laying hens on farms in Alberta for November, 1957, was estimated at 4,157,000 compared with 3,975,000 for the same month in 1956. Production per hen was 13.2 which equalled estimated production per hen last year. Net egg production for November increased from 4,331,000 dozen in 1956 to 4,545,000 dozen in 1957.

FARM DELIVERIES AND INCOME FROM GRAIN IN ALBERTA

BASED ON COUNTRY ELEVATOR RECEIPTS AND PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS

	WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX SEED	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
					- thousands of bushels -					
Deliveries and Loadings:										
Month of November	9,252	6,081	1,397	1,217	3,694	3,745	90	184	710	656
January - November	98,253	80,390	17,994	16,190	37,188	34,840	3,631	997	2,752	4,735
					- dollars per bushel -					
Estimated Returns per Bushel for Grain Delivered in November:	1.04	1.08	.51	.46	.74	.70	1.10	.82	2.76	2.70
					- thousands of dollars -					
Estimated Total Cash Returns:										
Month of November	9,622	6,568	712	560	2,734	2,622	99	152	1,960	1,770
January - November	105,898	87,518	8,956	8,128	26,878	25,482	3,563	842	8,055	12,085
Canadian Wheat Board Adjustment Payments:										
Month of November	-	-	1,612	-	4,398	-	-	-	-	-
January - November	17,674	9,044	1,612	-	4,398	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts from Grain:										
Month of November	9,622	6,568	2,324	560	7,132	2,622	99	152	1,960	1,770
January - November	123,572	96,562	10,568	8,128	31,276	25,482	3,563	842	8,055	12,085

Total Income from Grain including Wheat Board Adjustment Payments:	1956	1957
Month of November	$ 21,137,000	$ 11,670,000
January - November	$ 177,034,000	$ 143,099,000

LIVE STOCK PRICES IN ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1956

	GOOD BUTCHER STEERS		GOOD FEEDER STEERS		GOOD BUTCHER LAMBS		B_1 Hogs dressed (without bonus)	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
	- dollars per hundred pounds -							
Month of November:								
Calgary	18.01	17.60	15.68	16.73	17.11	17.89	26.56	22.09
Edmonton	17.46	16.01	14.77	15.71	17.23	17.25	27.21	22.93
Lethbridge	17.96	17.16	16.18	16.51	16.83	17.24	26.51	22.08
January - November:								
Calgary	17.92	17.34	16.10	16.76	18.34	18.86	22.65	27.81
Edmonton	17.51	16.86	15.14	16.04	18.85	19.21	23.35	28.47
Lethbridge	17.58	17.18	16.08	16.83	17.69	18.60	22.40	27.73

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN: BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog - Barley Ratio*

1933-53	1956	Oct. 1956	Oct. 1957	Nov. 1957
21.5	20.9	24.7	26.4	24.6

* Number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lb. of Grade B_1 live hogs at Edmonton prices, plus federal government quality premium.

Live Stock Price Relationships*

	1933-53	1956	Oct. 1956	Oct. 1957	Nov. 1957
Good Steers - B_1 Hogs	85.1	96.5	88.8	80.2	90.4
Good Lambs - B_1 Hogs	96.2	105.3	84.9	88.7	97.5
Good Steers - Good Lambs	93.4	92.8	104.5	90.4	92.8

* Prices of 100 lb. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lb. B_1 live hogs (federal government premium included) or good lambs.

LIVE STOCK MARKETING IN ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING N O V E M B E R 30, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1956

	CATTLE		CALVES		SHEEP AND LAMBS		HOGS	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
				- number of head -				
Receipts of Public Stockyards & Packing Plants:								
Month of November	68,048	100,257	30,555	42,096	16,133	21,525	121,026	128,379
January - November	649,611	731,339	133,856	148,855	142,540	146,369	1,433,123	1,266,487
Shipments to Country Points from Yards & Plants:								
Month of November	28,267	16,129	13,998	10,604	4,433	5,190	-	-
January - November	129,641	113,853	27,169	20,825	12,203	13,557	-	-
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants:								
Month of November	39,781	84,128	16,557	31,492	11,700	16,335	121,026	128,379
January - November	519,970	617,486	106,687	128,030	130,337	132,812	1,433,123	1,266,487
Slaughterings at Uninspected Establishments:								
Month of November	2,692	3,280	989	1,447	200	178	2,288	2,866
January - November	25,566	33,198	8,766	11,956	1,650	1,960	25,328	23,499
Total Net Live Stock Marketings:								
Month of November	42,473	87,408	17,546	32,939	11,900	16,513	123,314	131,245
January - November	545,536	650,684	115,453	139,986	131,987	134,772	1,458,451	1,289,986
Estimated Value of Live Stock Marketed:				- dollars -				
Month of November	5,046,000	11,040,000	783,000	1,578,000	188,000	261,000	5,352,000	4,987,000
January - November	72,073,000	89,219,000	5,089,000	6,880,000	2,208,000	2,370,000	51,613,000	58,460,000

Estimasted Total Income from the Sale of Live Stock:

	1 9 5 6	1 9 5 7
Month of November	11,369,000	17,866,000
January - November	130,983,000	156,929,000

FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY PRODUCTS (OCTOBER AND JANUARY-OCTOBER) AND POULTRY PRODUCTS (NOVEMBER AND JANUARY-NOVEMBER) FOR ALBERTA, 1956 and 1957

	FARM SALES				FARM CASH INCOME			
	OCTOBER		JANUARY-OCTOBER		OCTOBER		JANUARY-OCTOBER	
	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
DAIRY PRODUCTS:	- thousands of pounds -				-thousands of dollars -			
Butterfat for Creamery Butter	1,943	2,021	22,330	23,577	1,172	1,289	13,297	14,597
Dairy Butter	5.4	3.4	38.4	49.5	3	2	27	28
Milk for Cheese Making	1,485	1,375	19,217	17,974	36	35	436	422
Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream and for Fluid Cream Sales*	11,678	12,019	132,657	143,153	319	342	3,556	3,585
Milk for Fluid Sales	20,280	20,645	194,714	204,694	925	958	8,766	9,280
TOTAL VALUE					$ 2,455	2,626	26,082	27,912

* Ice cream and fluid cream converted to fluid milk basis.

	NOVEMBER		JANUARY-NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER		JANUARY-NOVEMBER	
POULTRY PRODUCTS:*	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957
	- dozen -				- dollars -			
Eggs Received at Registered Grading Stations	1,286,000	1,322,000	15,852,000	18,046,000	396,000	309,000	5,162,000	4,796,000
	- pounds -							
Poultry Marketed through Registered Stations	3,164,000	3,662,000	11,201,000	13,240,000	784,000	1,132,000	2,862,000	3,380,000
TOTAL VALUE EGGS AND POULTRY					$ 1,180,000	1,441,000	8,024,000	8,176,000

* Percent of Marketings Sold Through Registered Stations

	1953	1954	1955	1956
Eggs	55.2	44.6	43.8	42.9
Poultry	34.8	35.4	41.9	43.1

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS

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NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1956

		1956 (Jan. - Nov.)	1957 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1956 (November)	1957 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Flour Mills (7 Firms)	- Gross Sales $.	16,524,725	12,423,025	- 24.8	1,342,706	928,351	- 30.9
	Production - Centals.	5,491,163	4,886,404	- 11.0	448,644	465,554	3.8
	Value $.	25,471,899	22,270,450	- 12.6	2,090,819	2,188,139	4.7
Creamery Butter (1)	- Production Lbs.	28,870,769	30,628,164	6.1	1,639,643	1,873,847	14.3
	Value $.	16,584,849	18,230,060	9.9	962,470	1,152,416	19.7
Factory Cheese (1)	- Production Lbs.	1,841,437	1,731,971	- 5.9	94,805	98,593	4.0
	Value $.	624,532	607,121	- 2.8	33,940	34,508	1.7
Dairy Factories	- Gross Sales $.	31,352,686	34,296,572	9.4	2,783,040	3,106,135	11.6
Packing Plants	- Gross Sales $.	129,318,934	142,086,661	9.9	16,061,144	16,766,653	4.4
	Production - Meat-Lbs.	361,566,916	372,930,637	3.1	43,443,396	49,026,105	12.9
	Value $.	88,991,657	101,056,244	13.6	11,145,193	11,978,166	7.5
	- Exports Meat-Lbs.	194,217,901	209,365,714	7.8	23,305,073	27,630,161	18.6
	Value $.	47,896,057	56,822,587	18.6	5,977,751	6,750,048	12.9
Margarine Sales	- Lbs.	7,595,743	7,768,413	2.3	639,991	677,985	5.9
	Value $.	2,182,679	2,287,373	4.8	192,848	193,102	.1

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING N O V E M B E R 30, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1956

			1 9 5 6 (Jan. - Nov.)	1 9 5 7 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1 9 5 6 (November)	1 9 5 7 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Coal (1)	Production	Tons.	3,829,278	2,819,182	- 26.4	521,164	407,122	- 21.9
		Value $.	20,573,660	15,569,287	- 24.3	2,729,177	2,299,293	- 15.8
Salt	Production	Tons.	42,581	41,739	- 2.0	3,967	4,677	17.9
Petroleum Products Refined -	Gross Sales	$.	145,173,557	141,852,735	- 2.3	11,867,132	10,575,977	- 10.9
Propane	Production	Gallons.	28,772,836	35,696,472	24.1	2,933,003	3,079,808	5.0
	Sales	Gallons.	26,547,738	30,752,299	15.8	2,955,276	3,064,164	3.7
Butane	Production	Gallons.	18,201,206	24,374,594	33.9	1,775,408	1,712,151	- 3.6
	Sales	Gallons	13,262,804	12,335,692	- 7.0	1,325,142	1,408,874	6.3
Sulphur	Production	Tons.	29,297	89,332	204.9	3,389	9,803	189.3
	Sales	Tons.	32,464	85,518	163.4	2,650	6,445	143.2
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$.	2,921,337	2,554,307	- 12.6	249,247	163,902	- 34.2
Cement Products	Gross Sales	$.	8,200,494	7,476,015	- 8.8	566,686	659,927	16.5
Cement	Production	Barrels.	3,397,303	3,365,045	- .9	255,194	305,255	19.6
		Value $.	8,776,435	8,744,170	- .4	667,988	807,040	20.8
Lime	Gross Sales	$.	729,840	854,673	17.1	67,248	70,349	4.6
	Production	Tons.	27,886	26,960	- 3.3	2,554	2,475	- 3.1
		Value $.	331,849	365,243	10.1	30,027	33,788	12.5

(1) Source: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

OCTOBER AND TEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING O C T O B E R 31, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1956

		1 9 5 6 (Jan. - Oct.)	1 9 5 7 (Jan. - Oct.)	10 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1 9 5 6 (October)	1 9 5 7 (October)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Petroleum - Crude (1)	Production-Barrels.	117,980,669	120,113,499	1.8	12,800,174	9,931,627	- 22.4
	Value of Sales $.	290,404,647	312,920,859	7.8	31,705,483	24,477,436	- 22.8
Natural Gas (1)	Production - M.C.F.	159,643,072	195,461,940	22.4	17,979,261	23,958,834	33.3
Petroleum - Crude (2)	Imports - Barrels.	1,502,240	1,258,831	- 16.2	178,892	113,242	- 36.7
	Exports - Barrels.	97,901,016	105,873,450	8.1	10,508,344	8,515,541	- 19.0
Petroleum Products Refined (2)	Production-Barrels.	20,016,124	20,168,489	.8	2,290,373	1,925,297*	- 15.9
	Imports - Barrels.	304,766	237,711	- 22.0	34,037	23,290	- 31.6
	Exports - Barrels.	4,355,755	4,658,447	6.9	405,379	535,828	32.2
Natural Gasoline & Naphtha (1)	Production-Barrels.	732,477	806,171	10.1	84,722	85,774	1.2
	Value of Sales $.	2,125,599	2,257,742	6.2	249,373	241,112	- 3.3

(1) Source: Alberta Oil and Gas Industry, October, 1957, Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.
(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

* Composed of 970,178 bbls. gasoline; 438,495 bbls. diesel fuel; 33,890 bbls. kerosene; 482,734 bbls. other fuel and miscellaneous products.

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NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1956

		1956 (Jan. - Nov.)	1957 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1956 (November)	1957 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Forestry (Crown Lands) - Production Lumber-ft.b.m.		354,000,000	330,000,000	- 6.8	15,700,000	10,000,000	- 36.3
	Value $.	14,160,000	13,200,000	- 6.8	628,000	400,000	- 36.3
Total Value of Lumber & Other Forestry Products $.		17,720,000	16,700,000	- 5.8	788,000	550,000	- 30.2
Fur (Wild Life	No. of Pelts.	1,080,380	896,999	- 17.0	2,389	286	- 88.0
	Value $.	1,332,392	833,874	- 37.4	2,053	280	- 86.4
Life Insurance Sales	$.	222,601,000	278,953,000	25.3	24,624,000	27,122,000	10.1

			1956 (Jan. - Dec.)	1957 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1956 (December)	1957 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Bank Clearings	Calgary	$.	4,310,704,927	5,233,221,215	21.4	381,024,042	436,020,474	14.4
	Edmonton	$.	2,327,972,456	2,310,121,028	- .8	189,188,150	192,056,699	1.5
	Lethbridge	$.	232,650,647	245,176,709	5.4	18,568,518	22,574,948	21.6
	Medicine Hat	$.	96,965,662	105,454,660	8.8	7,872,859	9,492,907	20.6
	Red Deer	$.	76,869,708	90,757,422	18.1	6,414,077	8,103,570	26.3
	Grande Prairie	$.	40,024,838	42,611,835	6.5	3,506,624	3,194,517	- 8.9

OCTOBER AND TEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1956

		1956 (Jan. - Oct.)	1957 (Jan. - Oct.)	10 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1956 (October)	1957 (October)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Bank Debits (1)	Value $.	10,267,180,000	11,629,201,000	13.3	1,255,650,000	1,165,407,000	- 7.2
New Motor Vehicles - Gross Sales (2)	No.	36,844	39,111	6.2	3,036	2,566	- 15.5
	Value $.	109,969,000	117,888,000	7.2	9,310,000	7,532,000	- 19.1
Electricity - Net Generated (3)	K.W.Hrs.	1,613,777,000	1,910,862,000	18.4	171,929,000	201,013,000	16.9

(1) Source: Cheques cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 34, No. 10, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(2) Source: New Motor Vehicles Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Vol. 29, No. 10, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: Electric Power Statistics, Vol. 25, No. 10, 1957, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

CONSTRUCTION - ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1956

		1956 (Jan. - Nov.)	1957 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1956 (November)	1957 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
BUILDING PERMITS:							
CALGARY	Number	5,329	5,222	- 2.0	268	430	60.4
	Value $.	60,508,884	53,031,923	- 12.4	5,787,335	3,599,767	- 37.8
EDMONTON	Number	7,774	7,316	- 5.9	369	445	20.6
	Value $.	68,778,505	62,818,116	- 8.7	6,491,244	3,370,061	- 48.1
LETHBRIDGE	Number	671	710	5.8	32	46	43.8
	Value $.	6,939,544	4,603,359	- 33.7	456,925	296,862	- 35.0
MEDICINE HAT	Number	599	516	- 13.9	34	29	- 14.7
	Value $.	4,394,460	3,561,170	- 19.0	148,300	251,870	69.8
RED DEER	Number	363	415	14.3	13	45	246.2
	Value $.	3,403,690	3,173,396	- 6.8	103,800	311,100	199.7
DRUMHELLER	Number	49	40	- 18.4	2	1	- 50.0
	Value $.	174,970	183,945	5.1	25,500	350	- 98.6
WETASKIWIN	Number	68	109	60.3	3	11	266.7
	Value $.	636,091	724,825	13.9	900	21,600	2300.0
CAMROSE	Number	117	113	- 3.4	13	10	- 23.1
	Value $.	933,870	1,224,598	31.1	101,600	57,600	- 43.3
TOTAL (8 CITIES)	NUMBER	14,970	14,441	- 3.5	734	1,017	38.6
	VALUE $.	145,770,012	129,321,332	- 11.3	13,115,604	7,909,210	- 39.7
TOTAL (169 Towns & Villages).....	VALUE $.	39,158,589	37,404,997	- 4.5	1,836,597	3,452,617	88.0
CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA: (1)							
RESIDENTIAL	Number	7,126	3,725	- 47.7	405	117	- 71.1
	Value $.	81,526,800	55,351,500	- 32.1	5,125,100	2,815,900	- 45.1
BUSINESS	Number	931	681	- 26.9	132	62	- 53.0
	Value $.	80,477,400	63,188,200	- 21.5	11,600,400	3,951,300	- 65.9
INDUSTRIAL	Number	116	62	- 46.6	17	10	- 41.2
	Value $.	20,878,200	7,623,400	- 63.5	648,800	400,200	- 38.3
ENGINEERING	Number	336	258	- 23.2	22	15	- 31.8
	Value $.	79,243,600	45,363,300	- 42.8	1,003,000	607,400	- 39.4
T O T A L	NUMBER	8,509	4,726	- 44.5	576	204	- 64.6
	VALUE $.	262,126,000	171,526,400	- 34.6	18,377,300	7,774,800	- 57.7

(1) Source: Building Reporter Section, MacLean Building Guide, December, 1957, published by Hugh C. MacLean Publications. (Based on information collected by MacLean Building Reports).

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1956

	1956 (Jan. - Dec.)	1957 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1956 (December)	1957 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	No.	No.	%	No.	No.	%
Banff	654,447	758,888	16.0	17,803	25,053	40.7
Elk Island	166,395	183,662	10.4	1,200	1,200	-
Jasper	273,646	334,357	22.2	4,650	5,452	17.2
Waterton Lakes	246,466	302,872	22.9	-	-	-
TOTAL	1,340,954	1,579,779	17.8	23,653	31,705	34.0

(1) AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1956

	1956 (Jan. - Dec.)	1957 (Jan. - Dec.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1956 (December)	1957 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	No.	No.	%	No.	No.	%
Aden	356	408	14.6	27	32	18.5
Carway	22,572	24,098	6.8	543	405	- 25.4
Chief Mountain	13,707	13,359	- 2.5	-	-	-
Coutts	37,031	29,621	- 20.0	1,868	1,945	4.1
Del Bonita	2,108	2,519	19.5	272	231	- 15.1
Wild Horse	1,382	1,252	- 9.4	51	69	35.3
TOTAL	77,156	71,257	- 7.6	2,761	2,682	- 2.9

(1) Source: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

WHOLESALE TRADE - TRENDS - ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1956

	1956 (Jan. - Nov.)	1957 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1956 (November)	1957 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	$	$	%	$	$	%
BY TYPES:						
Automotive Accessories, Equipment & Supplies	108,541,726	114,232,407	5.2	10,958,051	9,406,877	- 14.2
Boots and Shoes	4,388,776	4,313,978	- 1.7	363,642	246,807	- 32.1
Drugs	8,265,289	9,644,055	16.7	834,231	934,295	12.0
Dry Goods	11,069,009	11,107,770	.4	1,181,663	904,418	- 23.5
Electrical Appliances and Radios	58,441,995	60,879,727	4.2	5,456,157	3,911,125	- 28.3
Florists	725,728	821,953	13.3	52,860	61,397	16.2
Furniture	3,386,778	3,966,753	17.1	394,025	339,400	- 13.9
Groceries (including Fruits and Vegetables)	161,643,701	176,179,761	9.0	15,075,077	15,717,123	4.3
Hardware	71,489,779	71,086,026	- .6	7,038,032	5,970,474	- 15.2
Jewellery and Silverware	496,347	474,543	- 4.4	51,423	53,804	4.6
Lumber and Building Supplies	55,519,691	52,846,084	- 4.8	[illegible],302,180	4,046,466	- 5.9
Machinery, Agricultural	37,756,209	37,042,250	- 1.9	1,127,596	630,798	- 44.1
Machinery, Other	23,960,818	22,866,935	- 4.6	1,633,742	1,156,660	- 29.2
Paints and varnishes	10,949,522	11,256,219	2.8	371,753	325,883	- 12.3
Paper	9,948,342	10,521,893	5.8	736,629	708,491	- 3.8
Tobacco	19,49[illegible],704	20,544,240	5.4	1,930,386	1,906,275	- 1.2
Oilfield Supplies	24,488,088	21,384,179	- 12.7	1,461,948	1,253,850	- 14.2
Carbonated Beverages	10,798,206	11,230,670	4.0	895,018	862,613	- 3.6
Miscellaneous	66,321,650	69,211,975	4.4	5,044,231	4,456,987	- 11.6
TOTAL	687,685,358	709,611,418	3.2	58,908,644	52,893,743	- 10.2
BY LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	142,310,277	146,985,363	3.3	11,025,514	10,149,831	- 7.9
Edmonton	170,17[illegible],[illegible]03	173,230,163	1.8	13,463,033	12,408,473	- 7.8
Lethbridge	17,41[illegible],243	17,337,414	- .5	1,675,365	1,343,952	- 19.8
Medicine Hat	1,667,438	1,812,586	8.7	157,434	177,641	12.8
Smaller Centres	8,972,781	10,146,200	13.1	701,926	671,623	- 4.3
Major Cities - Not distributable by location	347,144,516	360,099,692	3.7	31,885,372	28,142,223	- 11.7
TOTAL	687,685,358	709,611,418	3.2	58,908,644	52,893,743	- 10.2

The above figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of actual volume of business.

RETAIL TRADE - ALBERTA

OCTOBER AND TEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1957, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1956

	1956 (Jan. - Oct.) (Estimated)	1957 (Jan. - Oct.) (Preliminary)	10 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1956 (October) (Estimated)	1957 (October) (Preliminary)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	$	$	%	$	$	%
TOTAL - RETAIL TRADE:	940,895,000	989,252,000	5.1	102,942,000	100,811,000	- 2.1
Grocery and Combination Stores	133,055,000	146,360,000	10.0	13,966,000	15,265,000	9.3
Other Food and Beverage Stores	48,850,000	52,465,000	7.4	5,387,000	5,441,000	1.0
General Stores	45,512,000	47,788,000	5.0	4,787,000	5,146,000	7.5
Department Stores	96,304,000	104,971,000	9.0	12,057,000	13,226,000	9.7
Variety Stores	10,827,000	11,357,000	4.9	1,294,000	1,355,000	4.7
Motor Vehicle Dealers	206,245,000	220,270,000	6.8	18,800,000	16,920,000	- 10.0
Garage and Filling Stations	61,819,000	62,314,000	.8	6,570,000	5,703,000	- 13.2
Men's Clothing Stores	16,930,000	17,641,000	4.2	2,315,000	2,220,000	- 4.1
Family Clothing Stores	10,323,000	10,994,000	6.5	1,393,000	1,387,000	- .4
Women's Clothing Stores	16,486,000	16,832,000	2.1	2,012,000	1,911,000	- 5.0
Shoe Stores	5,931,000	6,275,000	5.8	660,000	668,000	1.2
Hardware Stores	29,163,000	31,234,000	7.1	3,676,000	3,650,000	- .7
Lumber and Building Materials Dealers	49,915,000	45,423,000	- 9.0	6,163,000	4,949,000	- 19.7
Furniture, Appliances, Radio Stores	32,257,000	32,515,000	.8	4,324,000	4,000,000	- 7.5
Restaurant	34,488,000	35,281,000	2.3	3,559,000	3,381,000	- 5.0
Fuel Dealers	586,000	664,000	13.3	110,000	102,000	- 7.3
Drug Stores	20,330,000	22,038,000	8.4	2,309,000	2,598,000	12.5
Jewellery Stores	5,061,000	4,980,000	- 1.6	551,000	491,000	- 10.9
Miscellaneous	116,813,000	119,850,000	2.6	13,009,000	12,398,000	- 4.7

Source: Retail Trade, Vol. 30, No. 10, Dominion Bureau of Statistics

LABOUR REVIEW

(Alberta Summary for Period Ending 30 November, 1957)
(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 57, No.12, December, 1957)

SEASONAL reductions in employment continued in the Prairie region during November.

The decline in agricultural employment was smaller than a year ago, but whereas employment in non-agricultural industries increased in November 1956, it declined slightly this year. The construction, transportation and service industries figured most prominently in the downturn. Manufacturing showed continued buoyancy, although employment in some iron and steel plants was lower than a year ago. In the wholesale and retail trade, employment remained higher than last year but hiring for the Christmas trade was slower than usual. In almost all areas the demand for sales and clerical help was much smaller than last year although some vacancies existed for highly qualified personnel.

Employment in forestry declined more sharply than usual, particularly at the Lakehead. An unusually large summer cut together with marketing difficulties for forestry products have been responsible for the slowdown in woods operations in recent months. At the beginning of November, logging employment was about 40 percent lower than a year ago.

While employment was greater than last year throughout the region, rural areas showed the largest increases. Twelve of the 20 areas in the region were reclassified during the month from the balanced to the moderate surplus category; the remaining eight were in balance. Last year at this time, all 20 areas were in balance.

CALGARY (metropolitan). Reclassified from approximate balance to labour surplus. Further employment reductions occurred in this area during the month as winter weather hampered outdoor activities. Manufacturing employment changed little during the month and remained considerably higher than a year earlier. Unemployment was considerably higher than a year ago. Wholesale and retail trade remained at a steady level somewhat above that of last year. There was a continued demand for workers with special qualifications, such as hospital nurses, laboratory technicians and other professional personnel.

EDMONTON (metropolitan). Reclassified from approximate balance to labour surplus. Employment levelled off in November at about last year's level and labour surpluses reached moderate proportions. Construction activity was well below last year's but layoffs during the month were smaller than usual. Oil drilling operations were curtailed during the month, resulting in further lay-offs; at the end of November about 50 percent of Alberta's drilling rigs were reported to be idle.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc., are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, and any other bonuses made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situation at the 1st October, 1957, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

EMPLOYMENT AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA*, BY INDUSTRIES

At O C T O B E R 1, 1957, As Compared with Corresponding date in 1956

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Oct.1 1956	Oct.1 1957	Oct.1 1956 $	Oct.1 1957 $	Oct.1 1957
Mining	140.2	143.9	91.47	94.55	22,052
Coal	36.9	31.2	69.47	70.82	2,515
Oil	283.9	300.4	95.02	97.63	17,867
Manufacturing	157.3	161.1	66.50	69.93	32,760
Foods and Beverages	135.2	137.8	59.10	64.39	10,103
Meat Products	133.4	137.1	68.35	72.97	4,333
Wood Products	117.2	115.8	55.91	57.55	3,214
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	120.4	128.4	64.67	66.90	1,455
Iron and Steel Products	204.8	193.3	73.62	74.10	3,430
Transportation Equipment	157.3	162.9	69.73	70.37	4,843
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	172.5	159.8	65.87	70.07	2,550
Products of Petroleum and Coal	201.8	201.1	87.08	92.78	1,868
Construction	257.6	216.4	84.41	78.43	24,025
Buildings and Structures (k)	304.9	226.4	93.03	81.73	14,023
Highways, Bridges and Streets	198.9	203.8	68.03	73.81	10,002
Transportation, Storage, Communication	123.7	133.3	70.99	71.14	27,782
Steam Railways	103.5	110.2	74.25	72.52	14,751
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	165.2	177.8	73.97	77.68	4,549
Storage	111.0	113.5	58.56	63.20	2,668
Trade	151.8	163.1	56.57	59.40	32,806
Wholesale	148.1	157.8	64.72	68.30	11,042
Retail	153.7	165.9	52.42	54.88	21,764
Service	171.1	176.6	41.85	41.72	10,363
Hotels and Restaurants	172.7	170.7	39.48	38.06	6,854
Industrial Composite	158.3	160.4	69.93	70.43	162,699

* Including N rthwest Territories.

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.

(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.

(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, October, 1957

Prepared in the

Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (Continued)

Employment, and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, By Industries

At O C T O B E R 1, 1957, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1956

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Oct. 1 1956	Oct. 1 1957	Oct. 1 1956 $	Oct. 1 1957 $	Oct. 1 1957
CALGARY:					
Manufacturing	140.7	140.1	68.21	71.88	10,348
Foods and Beverages	124.2	128.4	65.31	72.37	3,196
Transportation Equipment	147.4	140.2	66.75	69.86	2,565
Construction	246.4	231.0	72.48	72.57	4,624
Wholesale Trade	136.6	138.8	65.67	67.80	4,412
Retail Trade	158.2	163.9	52.52	56.43	8,287
Industrial Composite	160.1	164.4	63.90	66.42	39,993
EDMONTON:					
Manufacturing	172.9	180.3	69.83	71.72	13,721
Foods and Beverages	131.7	135.3	65.67	69.38	4,132
Meat Products	135.7	137.4	67.66	71.92	2,791
Construction	268.1	216.8	87.30	83.07	8,574
Wholesale Trade	175.9	189.5	64.31	68.30	4,879
Retail Trade	156.0	176.0	53.04	54.41	10,044
Industrial Composite	185.6	188.5	67.75	67.36	48,188

Source: Employment and Payrolls, October, 1957
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

At O C T O B E R 1, 1957, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1956

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Oct.1 1956	Oct.1 1957	Oct.1 1956 ¢	Oct.1 1957 ¢	Oct.1 1956 $	Oct.1 1957 $	Oct. 1 1957
Coal Mining	36.3	34.6	186.2	199.3	67.59	68.96	2,039
Oil and Natural Gas Production	45.5	43.3	205.6	210.3	93.55	91.06	6,091
Manufacturing	40.0	39.6	157.6	167.8	63.04	66.45	22,640
Foods and Beverages	36.8	37.2	146.4	158.3	53.88	58.89	7,115
Meat Products	38.5	38.4	166.3	179.2	64.03	68.81	3,091
Transportation Equipment	41.4	40.9	167.4	170.8	69.30	69.86	3,757
Buildings and Structures (h)	47.5	41.5	200.8	190.3	95.38	78.97	11,153
Electric and Motor Transportation (i)	41.4	41.1	160.3	165.5	66.36	68.02	2,333
Services (j)	40.3	38.6	89.9	91.9	36.23	35.47	5,979

SOURCE: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, October, 1957
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

(h) Buildings and structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; services incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; launderies; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.